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SUBJ: ICAO COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AWOP 6 REPORT ON MLS

1. PRESIDENT COUNCIL TELLS USREP THAT COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION ON MLS WILL COME BEFORE COUNCIL MONDAY, JUNE 20 OR JUNE 22. (DRAFT COUNCIL WP GOES BEFORE COMMISSION FOR FINAL APPROVAL JUNE 9.)

2. US AND UK COUNCIL REPS HAVE HAD THREE INFORMAL TETE-A-TETES IN HOPE THAT WE CAN GO BEFORE COUNCIL WITH COORDINATED, MUTUALLY AGREEABLE POSITION. UKREP COMMENCED DISCUSSIONS ADVISING STRONGLY THAT US ABANDON ANY PLANS TO PROPOSE CHANGING APRIL DIVISIONAL MEETING BACK TO FALL SCHEDULE. USREP DID NOT DISABUSE HIM OF THE NOTION THAT THAT WAS OUR INTENT. UK WILL PROPOSE AN ADDITIONAL 6 MONTHS DELAY TO THE FALL OF 1978 IF WE PROPOSE RETURNING TO FALL 1977 DATE. ULTIMATELY WE AGREED THAT TWO SUCH PROPOSALS WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY LEAD TO A COUNCIL DECISION TO ACCEPT "A MIDDLE COURSE" WHICH WOULD BE THE COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION FOR APRIL 1978.

3. UKREP WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CONVINCE HIS GOVERNMENT TO ACCEPT COMMISSION'S APRIL RECOMMENDATION IF THE US WILL ABANDON NEW PROPOSAL FOR FALL 1977 OR EARLY 1978 SCHEDULING.

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4. IF UK WILL FORMALLY PROPOSE ADOPTION OF COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION INCLUDING APRIL 1978 DIVISIONAL MEETING, CAN USREP SUPPORT PROPOSAL? THIS COOPERATIVE APPROACH WOULD BE REGARDED AS A CREDIBLE GESTURE ON PART OF BOTH UK AND US AND WOULD VIRTUALLY ASSURE FAST NON-CONTROVERSIAL COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF THE MATTER. FYI: USREP HAS IMPRESSION WE WERE

WILLING TO GO ALONG WITH APRIL DIVISION. END FYI

5. USREP WILL COORDINATE WITH USSR, CANADA, AUSTRALIA
(NETHERLANDS NOT ON COUNCIL) AS WELL AS THOSE COUNTRIES THAT
WERE HELPFUL IN COMMISSION.

6. IN VIEW OF EXTREMELY HEAVY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE THROUGH
JUNE 30 WOULD APPRECIATE APPROVAL ASAP TO COORDINATE WITH UK
AND OTHERS ON ACCEPTANCE OF APRIL DIVISION.

7. FYI: AS SOON AS COUNCIL DECISION TAKEN USREP WILL EXPECT TO
MEET WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON RE USG CONSIDERATION
OF ADVANTAGES/DISADVANTAGES TO ISSUANCE OF NATIONAL STANDARD THIS
SUMMER, PURSUANT TO NEXT MEETING OF THIS SUBJECT.
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